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# **Another Great Season of TGIF Jazz**

It's the 21st season of TGIF Jazz in the Parks — and if you missed either the Louisiana-based zydeco band Geno Delafose & French Rockin' Boogie on June 23, or the Haitian songstress Emeline Michel on June 30 — don't worry: we've got two more months of concerts for you. Eight of the ten bands this season come from other parts of the country (and beyond). And the two from San Diego are BIG favorites.

Following are Colleen's brief descriptions of the upcoming groups. Now a bit of explanation: Colleen was writing this, and the Souvenir Program for the concerts, under really tight deadlines. And she was trying to say something different for each publication! Which is our diplomatic way of saying if you'd like more information about the bands — or about concert locations, driving directions, and parking and shuttle data — pick up the Souvenir Program at a concert or around the City, call our Arts Info line at (760) 434-2904, or go to our webpage: www.carlsbadca.gov/arts

See you at the concerts!

#### July 7 Stagecoach Park

If lightning never strikes twice in the same place, what is Rod Piazza doing back at Stagecoach Park? Last summer the harmonica ace and his explosive blues band made such an impressive debut at TGIF that we're thrilled they're back. But not surprised — Carlsbad audiences are so appreciative and fun-loving that every group wants a return engagement. Piazza's passionate vocals and harmonica, wife Honey's jubilant piano, and the rhythm section's rousing contribution lift Rod Piazza and The Mighty Flyers high above the ordinary.

#### July 14 Stagecoach Park

Take seven master musicians marinated in jazz, add sizzling stage showmanship, a dash of funk, a little smokey R&B and some zesty salsa — and you have a piping hot serving of **Urban Jazz Coalition**. This smooth jazz ensemble with the ability to really spice it up has opened for all the headliners of the genre, including TGIF past performers Fattburger and Chieli Minucci & Special EFX. Now it's their turn to take center stage and dish up their spicy style of smooth.

Rod Piazza & The Mighty Flyers



**Urban Jazz Coalition** 



# In The Parks

#### July 21 Poinsettia Park

By this time of year, Friday nights in Carlsbad are soft and sultry, just right for a beautiful woman with a beautiful voice to break our hearts — and then heal them again — with the blues. Janiva Magness knows about heartbreak and struggle — about the healing power of music that mourns and protests, accepts and embraces — and she shares her wisdom in soulful performances that have earned her three Blues Music Awards as Contemporary Female Artist of the Year. (That's the former W.C. Handy Award, blues music's highest honor.)

### August 4 Calavera Hills Park

We love you Wa-a-rren, oh yes we do-oo — c'mon, everybody — and we'll be tru-uu. It's **Big Time Operator**'s ninth appearance at TGIF, making the region's greatest swing band Carlsbad's House Kings. Never disappointing, but often surprising: there was the Flood of '96 (Lynn was late, hit a sprinkler with his truck); and the Beauty of '04, (an American Idol finalist as special guest vocalist); and each year's new crop of costumed Lindy Hoppers dancing in the crowd. Swooney tunes, jitterbuggin' dance numbers — what's not to adore?

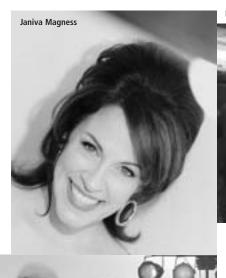
#### **August 11 Calavera Hills Park**

Sometimes a great jazz combo picks a different style of music to syncopate and improvise — and creates something irresistible. But you have to be brave to venture into unmapped territory. Ladies & Gentlemen: Brave Combo will now perform its dazzling act, Polka Without a Net! Music never before heard by the human ear, concepts beyond the grasp of the merely average mind; you'll smile wider than your whole face, and your feet will thank you!

#### July 28 Poinsettia Park

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No agent, no press packet, but such great word-of-mouth we checked them out ourselves. And Lady Dottie and the Diamonds surpassed the reports — a roomful of rockin' blues, Dottie welcoming every passerby with a wave and a shout-out, and the band blistering eardrums and feet with relentless rhythms. Nobody not dancing. Even the visiting relatives loved it, so give yours a call and invite them to TGIF for this funhouse performance.



Brave Combo



Big Time Operator

Lady Dottie and the Diamonds



#### August 18 Calavera Hills Park

This will be one of those concerts when people say "Remember when we saw Coco Montoya at Jazz in the Parks? And it was free!" As proud TGIF parents we love all our bands, but doesn't a Heisman or Oscar winner add some special excitement at family gatherings? Montoya is a great guitarist, great enough to fill the shoes of Eric Clapton and Mick Taylor in John Mayall's Bluesbreakers. And a great singer, celebrated by Living Blues Magazine as "one of the truly gifted blues artists of his generation." Way to go, Carlsbad!

#### August 25 Calavera Hills Park

After a season like this, what do we do for a big finish? Bring thirteen maniacal musicians from Puerto Rico to TGIF, streaming Grammy nominations, and turn them loose! Plena Libre takes the 100year-old musical rhythms of plena and frees them to embrace new instrumentations, heightened energies and joyous song. The TGIF season closes with an incomparable carnivale.





### Art at Jazz

Begun in 2002 from a suggestion made – and then funded – by the Carlsbad Friends of the Arts, the Art At Jazz program is now a highly anticipated part of the entire TGIF Jazz experience. At four concerts during the season, AAJ offers hands-on visual arts activities for our younger TGIF audience members. Instructors and volunteers are available to guide the children as they make works of art in planned activities. This is a great way to get the kids involved in the arts. This year's schedule is:

July 14 Stagecoach Park

Aug 18 Calavera Hills Park

July 28 Poinsettia Park

Aug 25 Calavera Hills Park

# Picking Up the Pieces CONTEMPORARY COLLAGE AND CONSTRUCTION

#### **Cannon Art Gallery** July 30 - October 6

Collage has a rich history in Southern California, where many artists have made this art form their primary visual language. Narrowly defined, collage, derived from the French word coller, is the construction of images through the deceptively simple act of pasting cut and torn papers. Many of us can remember creating collages as children by sticking together pages of torn magazines and construction paper. The experience was often a heady one as we discovered that we could visually represent a wealth of new ideas with imagery that already existed. Collage, however, is much more than a medium for making pictures. It is a mode of perception, a multi-dimensional

language that first emerged as a fine art medium in the pasted papers of the cubists Georges Braque and Pablo Picasso. Since then it has played a vital role in almost every phase of Modernism. Modern masters of collage such as Kurt Schwitters, Hannah Hoch, Marcel Duchamp and Joseph Cornell changed the face of Modernism by asserting that art could be made from almost anything.

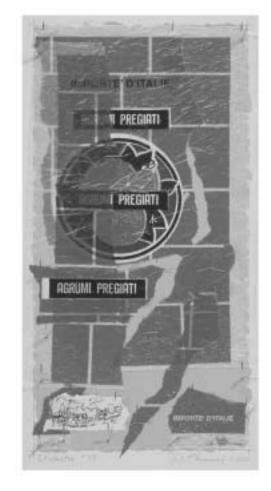
Through the juxtaposition of traditional collage materials with non-traditional media and methods, numerous artists today continue to redefine and expand its boundaries. Picking Up the Pieces: Contemporary Collage and Construction presents the work of a group of artists who have departed from early collage traditions as they explore beyond the established notions of the medium.

Works by Tony Berlant, J.J. L'Heureux, Kim MacConnell, Roxene Rockwell, Genie Shenk, Michael Madzo, Doris Bittar and Maritta Tapanainen are a considerable extension and accumulation of the rich history of collage in Southern California. What unites these artists is a love for unconventional imagery and the ability to recognize beauty and humor in the simple scraps and refuse as they transform in elegant, disparate materials into bearers of multiple meanings. By incorporating recycled materials with direct relevance to our present environment – fragments of cloth, tin, wood, food wrappers, computer-generated imagery and photographs – these artists not only create a second life for these things, but also establish a familiar link between our surroundings, the viewer and the work of art.





Above, then clockwise: works by Kim MacConnel, J.J. L'Heureux, and Tony Berlant



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# A Different Kind of "Free Tee-Shirt Night"

We know most of you identify us with TGIF Jazz... and we're very proud that this year we are once again a major supporter of the TGIF concert series.

But we want you to know that we're more than just a bunch of pretty faces selling Opportunity Drawing tickets at the concerts... The Friends also support other programs presented by the Cultural Arts Office, including Three-Part-Art, the nationally-recognized art education program for Carlsbad's third- and fourthgraders; Art At Jazz, the hands-on artmaking activities presented at four TGIF concerts each summer; opening receptions for each new exhibition presented at the Cannon Art Gallery; and the Multicultural Arts Festival among others.

Still, TGIF Jazz is our lifeblood – the Opportunity Drawings are our primary vehicle for raising funds – so we hope you buy lots of tickets. The area's businesses have been extremely generous in their prize donations this year. (And everyone's favorite, Pueblo Bonito Hotels & Resorts, has once again led the way!!) Please watch for the donors' names at the concert and in the next newsletter.

The other way the Friends raise funds to support Arts Office programs is through memberships. This year we will be offering two ways to get a FREE one-year membership at TGIF. (Sorry, no renewing members - just new members.) Here's how it will work. First, all Opportunity Drawing prize-winners can become new members. When you pick up your prize at the Friends table, volunteers will help sign you up.

The second way is this: on July 14 at Stagecoach, July 28 at Poinsettia, and August 18 at Calavera Hills, if you wear a TGIF Jazz tee-shirt — from any year, even 2006 – you are entitled to receive a free one-year membership to the Friends. We think it will be lots of fun to see all those great tee-shirts from years past.

Design for the 2006 tee-shirt

#### Remember these dates!

July 14 Stagecoach Park July 28 Poinsettia Park Calavera Hills Park August 18

Don't forget to wear your tee-shirts. Buy those Opportunity Drawing tickets. Visit the Friends table to see the cool items (tee shirts, ball caps, ground blankets, wineglass holders) for sale there. Have fun at the concerts. Join the Carlsbad Friends of the Arts.

Be a Part of Art.



Michael Craft modeling the new TGIF ballcap that he designed.



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# Making an Impact

#### COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS

Can the modest sum of \$24,000 make a big difference to a whole city? Carlsbad Community Arts Grants recipients and thousands of patrons and participants say "YES!" This fall, the Community Arts Grants program embarks on its 22nd year of funding cultural activities in Carlsbad. Designed to strengthen local arts organizations and to provide arts opportunities for Carlsbad citizens, the program provides match funding of up to 50% of the budget for a huge variety of events and projects.

A telling sample of that range of support can be found in just some of the presentations by 2006 grantees, including:

**Music:** a number of concerts including a visit from the San Diego Symphony, a violin instructional program for 5th graders, professional musicians coaching the high school orchestra, and new equipment for the seniors in New Horizons Band.

**Theatre:** plays, play readings and playwriting programs for adults and children, by award-winning artists and local enthusiasts.

**Dance:** school residencies by noted choreographers and a special project at Carlsbad High School to introduce new dancers to ballet.

**Visual Arts:** mosaics, murals and ceramics projects at local schools, and free demonstration workshops by professional artists offered to the public.

**Arts Education:** ten free workshops for teachers by artists on arts in the classroom, a storytelling residency for English Language Learners, and a theatrical presentation of historic "American Voices."

**Festivals:** Fern Street Circus at ArtSplash and entertainment at Fiesta del Barrio.



Fran Gerchke in "Hamlet"

For 2007 activities, \$24,000 is once again available in Community Arts Grants. Applications for the 2007 program will be available beginning August 1 on the Arts Office webpage: www.carlsbadca.gov/arts, at the Carlsbad Arts Office, or mailed upon request. If you are interested in applying as an artist, on behalf of an arts organization, or for a Carlsbad school or group with a cultural project in mind, and have questions whether your proposal would be appropriate, don't hesitate to contact the Arts Office at (760) 434-2900.

To help potential applicants prepare successful proposals, two Community Arts Grants Workshops will be presented, and first-time applicants are strongly encouraged to attend. Both workshops take place in the Gowland Meeting Room at the Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane at El Camino Real.

Thurs, Sept 19 4:30-6:00pm Wed, Oct 4 7:00-8:30pm

# "Shakespeare in the Park" Celebrates its Fifth Season with the World's Most Famous Play

Do you believe in ghosts? New Village Arts Theatre says this summer, that is "the guestion," as the regionally renowned company presents Hamlet. For the fifth year in a row, the free production is funded in part by a Carlsbad Community Arts Grant. Managing Director Kristianne Kurner expressed appreciation for the ongoing support. "We were just establishing our company and getting to know our community and our audience five summers ago. The outdoor setting and the classical work offered different challenges than our intimate indoor spaces and contemporary productions. We met people who might never have attended other NVA shows, especially children, and it helped us create a real presence in Carlsbad – to become a cultural neighbor in a way. Certainly, without that first grant, free Shakespeare in the Park in Carlsbad would not have happened."

Delicia Turner Sonnenberg, a co-founder of Moxie Theatre and frequent guest director for San Diego Repertory Theatre, will direct the upcoming production. "I'm very excited. Until now, my experience with this astounding play has only been readings and many research papers. Encountering the play in theatrical terms is – inspiring!" When asked how she plans to handle the daunting mystery that is Hamlet the character AND Hamlet the play, Ms. Turner Sonnenberg turns detective. "We use the script to find the clues. My job is to impose context, so we don't chase down blind alleys. One reason I wanted to do this Hamlet is definitely Fran Gercke. He's so creative and versatile. It's important for the actor to have as much input into the role as possible, because he's the one out there for two hours." As for the notion of specters? "By the end of the evening, I hope the audience believes in Hamlet's ghosts — even if each person's idea of what they are is different."

The New Village Arts production of Hamlet runs for 2 weekends: August 11 – 13 and August 18 – 20 on the lawn at La Costa Canyon High School, 3451 Camino de los Coches. Performances begin at 7:30 pm; audiences should bring their own lawn seating, blankets, sweaters, and picnics. Admission is free.

For more information: 760-433-3245 or www.newvillagearts.org.



Delia Turner Sonneday, director of NVA's "Hamlet"

# Community **Calendar**

### Film

#### **Carlsbad City Library Film Series**

Schulman Auditorium; in July, movies to complement the Library's Children's Summer Reading Program. In August, movies by acclaimed director Mike Nichols. Pre-film discussions 5:30pm; film at 6pm. Free. 602-2026.

July 12 Stuart Little

July 19 A series of short films about dogs

July 26 Finding Nemo

Aug 16 Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

Aug 23 Postcards from the Edge

Aug 30 The Birdcage

**Museum of Making Music Summer Film Series** 5790 Armada Dr, Carlsbad. Tony Vick facilitates the discussion, 2pm. \$5 suggested donation. 438-5996 or www.museumofmakingmusic.org

July 15 Detaching the World and Touch the Sound

July 29 Stop Making Sense

Aug 12 Festival in the Desert

Aug 26 Thirty-Two Short Films About Glenn Gould

## Literary Arts

Magee Park Poets writing workshop featuring Sylvia Levinson, Jul 13, 9amnoon; poetry reading with poet tba followed by open reading, Aug 9, 7pm; Georgina Cole Library Community Room, 1250 Carlsbad Village Dr. Free. 602-2012.



Patrick Berrogain

#### Music

**Concert On The Green** Coastal Communities Concert Band; Jul 4, about 1pm (after the parade); Rancho Santa Fe Road. Info 436-6137.

Concert Performance Pacific Coast Concert Band; Jul 4, 5:30pm; San Marcos Woodland Park Bible Church, 1093 Rock Springs Rd, San Marcos. Free. 390-2990 or www.pccband.org

Rack of Bones Trombone Ensemble free performance featuring members of the Coastal Communities Concert Band; Museum of Making Music, Jul 8, 1 pm; 5790 Armada Dr, Carlsbad. Free. 438-5996.

**Interactive Guitar Workshop** with Laurence Juber, C F Martin guitar clinician; Museum of Making Music, Jul 22, 1pm, 5790 Armada Dr, Carlsbad. Call for admission price. 438-5996.

Carlsbad City Library Summer Concert Series featuring French guitarists Patrick Berrogain and Alain Cola; Hot Club of San Diego presents Gypsy Jazz; Jul 23, 2pm; Schulman Auditorium. Free. 602-2012.

**Hornswaggle Horn Ensemble** free performance featuring members of the Coastal Communities Concert Band; Museum of Making Music; Aug 5, 1pm; 5790 Armada Dr, Carlsbad. Free. 438-5996

San Diego Symphony Summer Pops at the Moonlight featuring Motown recording artists The Contours; Aug 13; 7:30pm; Brengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive, Vista. Vis Tix 724-2110.

World Beat Rhythms presents Ed Roscetti and Maria Martinez in an interactive concert/clinic; Museum of Making Music, Aug 19, 1pm, 5790 Armada Dr, Carlsbad. Call for prices. 438-5996.

Carlsbad City Library Summer Concert Series featuring Latin-American harpist Carmen Elena Barreiro; Aug 20; 2pm, Schulman Auditorium, Free, 602-2026.

### Theater

The Story of the Princess and the Pea – A Fairy Tale for All Ages
Carlsbad Community Theatre; July 14-23;

Fri-Sat 7pm, Sat-Sun 2pm; Carlsbad Cultural Arts Center, 3557 Lancer Way, Carlsbad. Tickets \$15 general, \$12 senior/ student/military, \$10 groups of 4 or more. www.carlsbadcommunitytheatre.com

**Back to Bacharach and David** featuring the music of Burt Bacharach and the lyrics of Hal David, North Coast Repertory Theatre, 987 Lomas Santa Fe Dr, Ste. D, Solana Beach; Aug 4-20, Weds 7pm, ThurSat 8 pm, Sun 7pm, Sat-Sun 2pm. Tickets \$30 general;.\$27 senior/student/ military. 858-481-1055.

### Visual Arts

San Diego Design: New Work from Allied Craftsmen featuring selected works from members of Allied Craftsmen of San Diego; Oceanside Museum of Art; Jun 18 - Aug 6; Tues-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 1-4pm; 704 Pier View Way, Oceanside. \$5 general, \$3 seniors/students/military. 721-2787 or www.oma-online.org



Need up-to-date information about Arts Office programs? Call the Arts Info Line at 760-434-2904. Ruby has already called to find out when Art At Jazz will be offered at this year's TGIF concerts. And don't forget, all numbers listed above are 760 area code, except where indicated.

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### **UsefulInformation**

The Cultural Arts Office and the Sculpture Garden are located at 2955 Elmwood, just a few steps north of the Cole Library.

Mailing address: 1200 Carlsbad Village

Drive, Carlsbad, CA 92008 **Phone**: (760) 434-2920

Office hours: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

The William D. Cannon Art Gallery and the Schulman Auditorium are located in the Carlsbad City Library complex at 1775 Dove Lane (just north of Aviara Parkway off El Camino Real).

#### Gallery hours:

Tuesday—Saturday 11am—5pm Wednesday until 8pm Sunday 1pm—5pm Phone: (760) 602-2021

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# Save the Date Sunday, October 8

#### Plein Air Brunch Fundraiser

Mark Your Calendars: The Plein Air Brunch fundraiser is a delightful event organized by the Gallery Volunteers in cooperation with the Carlsbad Friends of the Arts to raise funds for Gallery programs. Local artists and artisans design unique table settings in the styles of famous artists. There's also an opportunity drawing, silent auction, and of course, a delicious brunch. This fundraiser is always a sell-out. Table viewing begins at 9:30am, in the Dove Library courtyard. Tickets will be available by mid August. 760-602-2021.



